



# CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**TO:** All Development Services Department Customers

**SUBJECT:** INFORMATION BULLETIN NUMBER: 115  
Code Interpretation Requests

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As a customer service initiative, the City of San Antonio Development Services Department (DSD) has developed a formal Code Interpretation Request (CIR) process to allow the owner and/or owner's agent to obtain a formal interpretation to any provision of the City's building construction codes. These codes include the City's *Building, Existing Building, Fire, Residential, Energy Conservation, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing* codes. The current list of adopted codes can be found at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd/library/CodesAmendments.asp>.

The purpose of formal code interpretations is to clarify issues which may not be addressed directly by the literal text of the adopted code and that are interpretive in nature. Formal interpretations are intended to be general in nature and not specific to only one project.

CIRs shall be submitted in writing to the City and should be written in such a manner that they can be answered either yes or no. Each request shall clearly identify the following information:

- 1) Name of the person requesting the interpretation
- 2) Company name,
- 3) Mailing address,
- 4) Telephone number,
- 5) E-mail address,
- 6) Code (including publication year) and Code Section in question

The City shall review the CIR and render a formal interpretation as soon as reasonably possible. Formal code interpretations by the City shall be published on the COSA DSD website at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd/library/CodeInterpretation.asp>.

Should you have any questions regarding the CIR process, please contact Michael Shannon, P.E., COSA, DSD Senior Fire Protection Engineer at 210-207-5006.